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2. Soviet Troops in the WUENSDORF Area

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REMARKS

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1. Field exercises with more than two hundred "T 34/85" and "JS" tanks, sixteen 100-mm howitzers, about thirty 100-mm antitank guns and four rocket launchers participating were held at the troop training grounds of ZOSEN (N 53/Z 91). The field exercises extended as far as the area of TOEPCHIN (N 53/Z 91).

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2. It was observed that about two thousand troops had returned from maneuvers in the MAGDEBURG (N 53/Y 60) area to the former WUENSDORF Panzer Schule (Tank school).

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Comments:

a. The report indicates that large-scale field exercises were conducted at the ZOSEN troop training grounds in mid-July 1949. Component units of the 19th Gds Medz Div may have participated.

b. The observed rocket launchers were, according to a sketch, of type "M 31" (300 mm caliber).

c. The tank units which returned from maneuvers in the MAGDEBURG area to WUENSDORF on 6 August 1949 (para2) left for MAGDEBURG (possibly for maneuvers at the Letzling Heath?) in late June 1949.

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